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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities with Voltages Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Valley South 115kV Subtransmission Project.

Application 14-12-013  
(Filed December 15, 2014)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING IDENTIFYING, MARKING AND  
ADMITTING DOCUMENTS INTO RECORD**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et. seq.* requires the lead agency, the Commission in this case, to conduct a review to identify environmental impacts of a proposed project and ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage. Pursuant to the Public Resource Code and the CEQA Guidelines, for all projects subject to CEQA, the lead agency must prepare either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). For the Valley South 115 kilovolt Subtransmission Project (Valley South Project), the Commission's Energy Division determined an EIR is required.

On January 29, 2016, the Energy Division released a Draft EIR for the Valley South Project. Following a public review period, a Final EIR was prepared pursuant to CEQA guidelines, and issued by the Energy Division on June 13, 2016. The Final EIR addresses all aspects of the Draft EIR, includes the comments received on the Draft EIR, the responses to those comments by Energy Division, and a Mitigation Monitoring Plan. Because CEQA Guidelines require the development of the two documents, it is reasonable to allow Exhibits A and B to be admitted into the record.

The following documents are identified and marked:

- Reference Exhibit A: Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Reference Exhibit B: Final Environmental Impact Report<sup>1</sup>

Parties have seven days to contact the Administrative Law Judge by e-mail at [kelly.hymes@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:kelly.hymes@cpuc.ca.gov) to express an objection to the admission of these two documents into the record of this proceeding. If no party expresses an objection, Reference Exhibits A and B are admitted into the record on September 23, 2016.

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. Reference Exhibits A and B are identified and marked as set forth above.
2. Parties have until September 22, 2016 to contact the Administrative Law Judge with any objections to the admittance of Exhibits A and B.
3. If no party contacts the assigned Administrative Law Judge with an objection by the September 22, 2016 deadline, Reference Exhibits A and B are admitted into the record of this proceeding as of September 23, 2016.

Dated September 14, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

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/s/ KELLY A. HYMES  
Kelly A. Hymes  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The final EIR can be viewed at:

[http://www.cpus.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/valleysouth/Index\\_6\\_9\\_16.htm](http://www.cpus.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/valleysouth/Index_6_9_16.htm). The final EIR indicates the changes made to the draft EIR. Changes between the Draft EIR and Final EIR are shown in underlined text for additions and strikeout text for deletions. Appendices 5 and 6 are additions to the Final EIR.